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JANUARY COURT.

Few People in Attendance Except Those Immediately Interested in the Business. Brief Note of Proceedings.

Court called at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, with President Judge, S. Mc. Swope, and Associate D. T. Humbert on the bench.

The Court announced the death of the late Associate Judge W. H. Bunder, and appointed Hon. S. W. Kirk, M. R. Snaffner, Esq., and Frank P. Lynch, Esq., a committee on resolutions, said committee to report the resolutions at March court.

First and final account of Emma L. Daniels, administratrix of the estate of George B. Daniels, late of McConnellsburg, Pa., deceased. Confirmed.

First and final account of John V. Glunt, administrator of Margaret Glunt, deceased. Confirmed.

First and final account of May S. Lake, administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Martin W. Lake, deceased. Confirmed.

First and final account of Emma L. Daniels, administratrix of George B. Daniels, deceased, who was administrator of the estate of Sansom Lanehart deceased. Account confirmed.

First and final account of Thomas P. Garland, administrator of Mrs. Mary C. Cattlett, deceased. Confirmed.

The granting of liquor licenses was then taken up, and licenses granted to George Rexroth and Harry Hammil, of McConnellsburg; Michael Wilt, Fort Little ton, and Robert W. Broadbeck, Burnt Cabins.

Order to view a road in Ayr township, issued October 18, 1907. Report referred back to viewers for correction.

On petition of Amos N. Mellott, administrator of the estate of Amos T. Mellott, deceased, order to sell real estate awarded on giving bond in the sum of \$1200.00 with approved security.

Rule on George D. Morgret to show cause why a certain single bill over twenty years old, should not be entered as judgment. Filed December 17, 1907, returnable, January 14, 1908. Rule made absolute for want of an answer, and judgment entered according to prayer of petitioners.

Return of sale of M. R. Shaffner, Esq., trustee to sell real estate of Alexander McKibbin, deceased. Real estate sold to Jas. A. Beatty for the sum of \$1510. Report confirmed.

In estate of George B. Daniels, deceased, return of sale confirmed.

Petition of John S. Bowers, executor of the last will of Dr. John K. McCulloh, deceased, for order authorizing him to convey real estate held by him in fiduciary capacity. Decree of the Court authorizing executor to convey interest of deceased to Mary K. McCulloh, granted.

B. W. Peck, committee of Paul Peck a lunatic, to invest funds realized from sale of real estate at less than 5 per cent. Court grants permission to invest at a rate not less than 5 per cent.

Permission granted Geo. B. Mellott, guardian of Lamar Daniels, to invest funds of ward at not less than 5 per cent.

Petition of citizens of Union township, asking for permission to vote at the February election to change way of collecting road tax. Court decreed that election be held. Thirty days' notice to be given by publication.

Order awarded for sale of real estate of C. C. Kerling deceased. Administrators to give bond in sums of \$1,000.00.

Resignation of Michael W. Mellott, one of the supervisors of Belfast township, presented, and resignation accepted as prayed for.

Petition of the Fulton County Road and Gun club, for rule on Wm. L. Mosby. Rule granted as prayed for.

Estate of Daniel B. Mock. Petition of executor, John P. Sipes, asking leave to pay share of min-

HAD THE LAUGH ON LAWYER.

Whole Court Room Joined In Joke on Conceited Advocate.

A distinguished, but conceited advocate not long ago, after securing an unqualified statement from an octogenarian, who was bravely enduring cross examination, that he "saw the whole thing as if it had occurred ten feet away," suddenly challenged him to tell the time by the clock referred to. The lawyer did not look around himself, as he had done so about half an hour before, when he had noticed that it was half after 11. The old man looked at the clock and replied, after a pause, "Half past 11," upon which the lawyer, knowing that it must be nearly 12, turned to the jury and burst into a derisive laugh, exclaiming sarcastically "That is all," and threw himself back in his seat with an air of having finally annihilated the entire value of the witness' testimony. The distinguished practitioner, however, found himself laughing alone. Presently one of the jury chuckled, and in a trice the whole court room was in a roar at the lawyer's expense. The clock had stopped—at half past 11.—Exchange.

ors into court. Presented, and permission granted.

Petition of J. McCauley Reed for citation on heirs et al. to show cause why a decree of specific performance of contract should not be made. Citation awarded by the court.

In estate of Michael Knauff, deceased. Widow's appraisal approved unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Estate of Wm. H. Witter deceased. Rule on heirs. Heirs were called in open court. Real estate ordered to be sold by the administrator, upon his giving bond in the sum of \$4,000. Bond to be approved by Judge Humbert.

Petition of the supervisors of Belfast township for mandamus, directed to the County Commissioners of Fulton county, requiring them to build a bridge over Tonoloway creek near Needmore. Mandamus on County Commissioners awarded returnable next term.

The Argument list was then taken up.

In the case of the township of Bethel vs. County Commissioners of Fulton county, No. 114 January term, 1907. Rule discharged at costs of petitioners.

This is the matter of building a State Highway in Bethel township, in which the county commissioners refused to proceed with the work and assume their portion of the expense.

Return of sale of real estate, in estate of Dr. S. S. Hoop, deceased. Confirmed.

Petition of Mrs. Cora M. Mellott for citation on administrators and heirs to show cause why a decree of specific performance of contract should not be made. Citation awarded returnable at March term.

Petition of Della Brubaker, a minor child of Wm. Brubaker, deceased, for appointment of guardian. Court appointed M. W. Nace guardian to give bond in the sum of \$1000 to be approved by court.

Exceptions to report of auditor in estate of David Goldsmith, deceased, taken up and argued. To be decided at Chambers.

Petition of citizens of Taylor township for permission to vote at the coming February election to change method of collecting road taxes. Prayer of petitioners granted.

Petition of citizens of Bethel township for permission to vote at the coming February election to change system of road taxes. Petition granted.

Court was in session a short time Wednesday morning finishing up some "olds and ends" of business that had been carried over from Tuesday.

MIDWINTER THUNDERSTORM.

Philadelphia Truly Thunderstruck on Sunday.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—As rare as a day in June is, a January thunderstorm. One of these odd ideas paid a lightning visit to this city yesterday. It was the first January thunderstorm the city has had the displeasure of entertaining since even further back than 1871, with one notable exception. The exception happened in 1899, and it was a regular out-and-outer. Yesterday's thunderstorm was a fairly good imitation of the 1899 thunderer. Out of what just before had been a clear sky came the thunder and the lightning and the rain. Girls in their gayest raiment had paraded the streets in gowns not at all seasonable at this time of year. In patches along Broad street and around Rittenhous Square it looked like an Easter parade. There were many visitors to Fairmount Park.

Birthday Party.

The many friends and neighbors of Mrs. Melissa Lodge, gave her a very pleasant surprise on Saturday, the 4th inst., in honor of her birthday.

About 11 o'clock, as Mrs. Lodge was preparing for dinner, the door was opened, and a whole host of her friends came in, bringing boxes and baskets of cake and chickens, and everything that is needed to satisfy a keen appetite. A bountiful dinner was prepared, to which all did ample justice.

The day was spent very delightfully, and all departed about 4 o'clock, wishing Mrs. Lodge many more such happy birthday occasions. Those present were, Mrs. Matilda Hanks, Amos Hixson and wife, Jacob Spade and wife, F. M. Lodge and wife, M. E. Barton and wife, John F. Smith and wife, Watson Plessinger and wife, E. A. Hixson, wife, and daughter Rebecca; Lewis H. Hixon, Elmira Lodge, John D. Smith, Mrs. Denton Miller, Mrs. Maggie Wolf, Mrs. M. J. Hixson, Mrs. G. W. Hixson, Mrs. Irene Truax, Mrs. Boyd Jackson and son Ralph, Mrs. M. P. Barton and daughter Irene, Mrs. Daniel Miller and daughter Jennie, Mrs. M. W. Hixson, and Misses Clara Hanks, Lulu Mills, Ida Hixson, Mary Hanks, Mary and Ella Miller, May and Vance Barton, Messrs. Jess Hixson, John Lodge, Earl Truax, Paul Hanks, and Marshal Lodge.

Mrs. Lodge received many valuable and useful presents.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

AN EELSKIN FOR RHEUMATISM.

It Keeps the Joint Warm and the Oil Helps to Soften the Skin.

Do you know that an eelskin in one of the best things you can try for rheumatism? Some folks think that the eel, being naturally limber and quick in its motions, gives a virtue to the skin, and this makes a rheumatic joint as limber as the eel itself, but there isn't much in that notion. It's a kind of magic, you know.

But the eelskin really does do good, and the way it does is this: The eelskin is just like leather, only not so thick, and it feels like a piece of tough kid that has been soaked in oil.

"Now, you wrap the eelskin round your knee and tie it on, or pin it on, it doesn't matter which, and it keeps the joint warm and the oil makes the skin soft, and after while your rheumatism is gone. People laugh at the idea and call it an old woman's notion, but some old women's notions are pretty good notions.—The Valley Times.

Gaster—Gress.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1908 at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. L. Grove, McConnellsburg, Mr. Harry H. Gaster, of New Grenada, and Miss Jessie H. Gress, near McConnellsburg.

DOES IT PAY TO BE A LAWYER.

Hardly, If Half Those Who Practice Earn Only \$1,200 a Year.

In the United States to day there are over 175,000 lawyers—more than in any other profession or calling save teaching and medicine. In addition to this number there are thousands of young men in law offices and colleges educating themselves for the law—a mighty army of legal representatives fighting and preparing to fight the battles of life.

In one city alone there are over 10,000 lawyers, three-fourths of whom are wholly dependent as a means of livelihood. While from 30 to 50 per cent. are successful practitioners with good incomes and a monopoly upon the better class of law business it is safe to say that the remaining 50 per cent. make on an average less than \$1,200 a year.

In many law offices in our larger cities you will find a half dozen or more lawyers occupying merely clerical positions and working for others, like insignificant cogwheels in a mighty machine, on salaries of from fifteen to twenty-five dollars a week, and who congratulate themselves that they are able to hold their positions.

A motorman on a street car receives from \$15 to \$20 a week for his services and he is sure of his money. A clerk in a dry goods store, a railroad or insurance office receives from \$20 to \$25 a week.

A bank clerk is paid from \$75 to \$150 a month. A skillful mechanic or machinist earns from \$3 to \$10 a day.

Many business men command salaries of from \$5,000 to \$25,000 a year. A traveling salesman sells goods on commission, and earns from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year and perhaps more. A reporter on a daily newspaper makes more money than the average lawyer.

What does it mean? Wake up, young lawyer, wake up! In the face of these conditions, is it not time that you were asking your self the question. Does it pay to practice law?—Ohio Magazine.

HUSTONTOWN.

[Owing to the big snow storm interfering with the mail service, these items came too late for last week.]

Jan. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Keller and little son Norman have returned home after spending the holidays in Harrisburg.

Miss May Barton and H. E. Chesnut, after spending Xmas at their homes here, have returned to their schools, where they are teaching,—the former at Kittanning, and the latter at Union Church.

Mrs. Jerry Laidig, Miss Luema Laidig, and Nellie Kirk, (teachers in the M. E. S. S.) each entertained her class very pleasantly at their respective homes an evening during the holidays.

Mrs. J. Sollers and two children, of Woodvale, spent part of last week with Mrs. Sollers' mother, Mrs. David Lamberson, who has been ill.

Rev. Daniels has returned from a trip to Philadelphia, and has opened a series of revival services in the M. E. church at this place.

Harper Barton who was unable to teach his school last week on account of quinsy has returned to his work.

Mrs. James Fields of Ft. Littleton spent Saturday with the family of James Lamberson.

W. W. Hoover returned to Mercersburg Academy on Tuesday, after spending several weeks vacation at home.

LADIES.

Mr. T. E. Davis is recovering from an attack of la grippe.

W. L. Stevens and son David have gone to the mines.

J. L. Hampton is able to be around the house again after a seven-weeks illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Daniel Laidig is improving slowly.

DEATH RECORD.

C. H. Grissinger, Mrs. Mary Martha Mellott, and Miss Annie E. Selsor.

CHARLIE GRISSINGER.

Charles Howard Grissinger, an account of whose illness and of his having been brought home from California by his brother and sister reaching here New Years evening, was given in the News last week, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Grissinger, about 4 o'clock last Friday evening. Charlie was born in McConnellsburg October 13, 1873, and hence, was aged 34 years, 2 months, and 28 days.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his parents at 1 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, by Rev. J. C. Fassold, of the Lutheran church, after which his remains were taken to Union cemetery for interment.

While the parents feel keenly the loss of their son, they have much reason to be thankful that Charlie was permitted to spend the last few days of his life at his old home and have the gentle ministrations of mother and sisters.

ANNIE ELIZABETH SELSOR.

The subject of this notice, died at her home in this place at 1 o'clock, Wednesday morning, January 15, 1908, aged 70 years, 7 months, and 12 days.

Miss Selsor was a daughter of the late Charles and Isabella Selsor, and of a family of nine children, there are now but two surviving, John W., of this place, and William F., of Mercersburg.

Several years she was a teacher in the public schools of this county, but for several years she and her brother John have been living in the old Selsor home. She was a member of the M. E. church, and a quiet Christian woman.

Her funeral will take place from her late residence, on Friday at 1 o'clock, p. m., and interment will be made in the Methodist graveyard in town.

MRS. MARY MARTHA MELOTT.

Mrs. Mary Martha, widow of the late Jacob Barton Mellott, formerly of this county, died at her home in Philadelphia last week, and her remains reached Hancock Saturday evening, and on Sunday were taken to the Side lung Hill Baptist church for interment.

Mrs. Mellott was a daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Runyan, of Belfast township, and a sister of Abimaz Runyan at Needmore. We are not in possession of the facts pertaining to her last illness.

Highway Robbery.

On Thursday evening last there came to town in the eastern back, a man named Blair, a brother-in-law of Mr. Will Summers, who lives 1½ miles west of town.

The young man had been imbibing rather freely and was considerably under the influence of liquor when he arrived here. After getting out of the back he took a roll of bills out of his pocket and paid his fare over the mountain. After some time he started to walk out to Mr. Summers' and when between this place and the tollgate west of town he was attacked by three men, knocked down and relieved of his money amounting to about \$25. After the robbery he returned to town and went before Squire Wible, but could give no information as to who the parties were, consequently could not have warrants issued. There is strong suspicion against three young men but at this writing no arrests have been made.

Bill No Longer Bored Bill.

Bill had a bill board. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill so that Bill sold the bill board to pay his board bill. So after Bill sold his bill-board to pay his board bill the board bill no longer bored Bill.—Boston Transcript.

STOLE STEEL TRAP.

Found with Goods on His Person. Conclusive Evidence of Guilt.

On account of the snow last Friday night, a few of Judge Melton's old hens chose to roost in a willow tree near the house in preference to going to their regular place of spending the night. On Saturday morning it was found that a big "hoot" owl that had been out on a foraging expedition had captured the nicest fattest hen in the bunch, carried her some distance from the tree, and indulged in a swallow supper—leaving enough of the hen for another good meal. The Judge knew enough about the habits of owls to be certain that the owl would return the next night for another mess, and told his son George to set a steel trap. Saturday afternoon, George drove the necessary stakes around the remains of the old hen, placed an innocent looking steel trap, and awaited results. George came to town in the evening, and when he returned home about nine o'clock, he went to his trap and there, sure enough, was Mr. Owl. The owl was considerably embarrassed, but did not attempt to make any explanations when George began to examine his prisoner, he found that the owl had brought with him a steel trap, and chain about twenty inches long. This was a puzzler. Had the owl come there to set a trap for George, or did the owl carry a trap to catch old hens, or had he been stealing chickens from some other farmer, and seeing the farmer's trap, had stolen the chicken and the trap too.

As it is, George is one trap to the good, and says if the owner of the trap will come and identify it, the owner can have it, as George is anxious to know just how long the owl had been carrying the trap, and who was unlucky enough to lose it.

GRACEY.

Jan. 7.—Joseph Shaw is very ill at this writing.

The Xmas entertainment at Mt. Tabor was well attended and an excellent program rendered. Ted Bergstresser spent Saturday and Sunday with his cousin, Jesse Bergstresser.

Brint Miller and wife spent Sunday with the latter's uncle, Bland Barnett.

Mrs. Clare Berkstresser has returned to her home near here, after having spent three months visiting friends and relatives throughout the West. While visiting at Tennessee, Illinois, she was to see Simeon Shore, who is a well known citizen of Fulton county. Simeon went west a couple years ago and married, and from all reports, is getting along fine. Mrs. Berkstresser also spent some time in Iowa and Nebraska, and she says that the mud in Iowa is so nice and sticky that some people keep a paring knife at the door to clean their shoes.

There was a birthday surprise dinner given on the 17th of December, at Mr. Rinehart's in honor of their niece, Miss Edna McClain, who makes her home with her uncle and aunt. Her aunt told her the morning before to go out to her mother's and get her to help with some sewing, and she could stay all week. The next morning her mother said they would go to her brother's that day, and would stop at Mr. Rinehart's as they went by, but when they got to Mr. Rinehart's, there was nothing more said about going farther. Her aunt had a fine dinner awaiting her, which consisted of roast turkey, beef steak, potato chips, sweet cake, and fruits of all kinds. There was a whole house full of guests—a complete surprise for Edna. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly, some excellent music and singing were rendered and all left, wishing Edna many more happy birthdays, and that if she would never see her 17th birthday again, she might see others just as happy.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Harry Souders of Thompson township, spent Sunday night in McConnellsburg.

Miss Elith McEldowney, of Gen., is visiting among friends in this vicinity, this week.

Ross King, of West Dublin, was a pleasant caller at the News office Tuesday morning.

Ex County Treasurer George Snyder went over the mountain on the noon Stage Monday for a trip to Waynesboro.

Miss Jessie Henry of Clear Ridge was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Elvey of this place, over Sunday.

Miss Olive Hayward of Orchard Valley, Md., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ahmaaz Clevenger, in the Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Booth, of Maddenville, were here Sunday attending the funeral of their nephew, Charlie Grissinger.

Mrs. Ahmaaz Clevenger returned home last Friday after having spent a week very pleasant among friends at Hancock, and Orchard Valley, Md.

Harvey Grissinger and his sister Miss Maude, of Carlisle, were here from Saturday evening until Tuesday. They came to attend the funeral of their cousin Charlie Grissinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Black, of Johnstown, have been spending the holidays among their many Fulton county friends. Harvey says business conditions are improving rapidly in Johnstown.

Ex. County Commissioner H. K. Mellott, was in town awhile last Saturday. Mr. Mellott owns the mill formerly operated by Theo. Sipes, and has it equipped with full roller process machinery and is doing a nice business.

John F. Hess, of Thompson township, was in town over Sunday. Mr. Hess has sold his farm to Geo. C. Sipes, and was here arranging for the advertising of the sale of his personal property, which will take place on Wednesday, February 19th. John expects to remove from the County.

Among the relatives from a distance that attended the funeral of Charlie Grissinger, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Karns, of Everett. Mr. Karns, who had been extensively engaged in the lumbering business for several years, has sold all his mills, and is now selling machinery for the Frick Company at Waynesboro. Mr. Karns has sold over \$30,000 worth of sawmills in Bedford county during the past year.

Local Institute.

The sixth local institute, held at Pleasant Grove January 3rd was called to order by the teacher Miss Minnie Funk. The following questions were discussed: "Attention; its value, and how secured." "Use of text books in the recitation." "How do you economize time?" The following teachers were present and took active part in the discussion: S. L. Wink, Thomas Truax, Blanche Smith, Pearl Mellott, Pearl Garland, Minnie Funk and Eva Bedford, of Belfast; James Garland, of Brush Creek; Charles Mellott of Licking Creek, and Orpha Snyder of Thompson. Albert N. Mellott, a former teacher, but now a student of the Baltimore Medical College was present and assisted in the discussion of each subject.

The teachers of Belfast feel very grateful to the teachers of other townships, and also to Mr. Mellott for the active part taken. A number of recitations were well delivered by the school.

Russel Truax entertained the crowd with some fine graphophone music.—Eva Bedford, sec.